

# House Select Committee on Community Relations, Law Enforcement and Justice Public Comments Report - LINC

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12/01/2020 08:53 AM	Justice	Mr. Eric Zogry	I support the establishment of a permanent Committee/Commission on Community Relations and Criminal Justice Standards. I believe the evolving nature of criminal justice and law enforcement necessitates continuing evaluation and reform.
12/01/2020 09:01 AM	Justice	Susan Brooks	I believe there should be a permanent Committee/Commission on Community Relations and Criminal Justice Standards.
12/01/2020 07:02 PM	Community Relations	Justin Hall	More schools need to enter into School Justice Partnership agreements! School to prison pipeline is real and causes generational harm to effected communities! Give resources to families effected by incarceration. Kids of incarcerated parents need support and ideally reunification when possible.
12/01/2020 07:23 PM	Justice	Cindy Esselstyn	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to urge the this Committee to advocate for the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to lift up recommendations to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p> <p>Thank you for being a change agent for equity and transformative justice practices.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Cindy</p>
12/01/2020 07:30 PM	Justice	Mrs Vanessa Chardos	<p>Hello! I wanted to connect with you before you finalize your report for the NC general assembly. With all that has unfolded this year, the need to support our black and brown communities and undo injustices is more prevalent then ever. I would like to urge the Committee to advocate for the adoption of School Justice Partnership agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to recommend an increase of funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>

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			<p>I hope these suggestions are taken to heart. Our black and brown communities need to be centered in these conversations as we seek a more just world.</p> <p>In appreciation</p> <p>Vanessa</p>
12/01/2020 07:31 PM	Community Relations	Increase SJP's in NC scho Jenny Miller	<p>I am writing today to urge the Committee to advocate for the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. As a child of two educators, I know just how important it is to build strong communities IN our schools. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>Thanks so much!</p>
12/01/2020 08:00 PM	Justice		<p>I am advocating for the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to lift up recommendations to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>
12/01/2020 08:44 PM	Justice	Mrs Martha Callahan	<p>One key strategy I would urge the Committee to advocate for is the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to lift up recommendations to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>
12/01/2020 09:25 PM	Law Enforcement	Miss Elsa Enstrom	<p>I am commenting to stronly recommend that this committee works to end the school to prison pipeline that so many children of color become a part of. Please push for School Justice Partnership agreements in all local school districts to help offer alternatives to the police or juvinille detention. It is also important to create programs to assist children who have incarcerated family memebbers. This can be very disruptive and traumatic and we must offer all the support we can.</p>
12/01/2020	Community	Paige Gilchrist	<p>Hello, I'm an Asheville, NC, resident, and I have volunteered in prisons and detention facilities in the area for the past six years.</p>

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09:34 PM	Relations		<p>I'm passionate about these issues. One key strategy I would urge the Committee to advocate for is the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to lift up recommendations to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>
12/01/2020 09:48 PM	Law Enforcement	Roberta Wall	Let's please create police- free schools. We want Schools where children are cherished and nurtured and supported. Let's fund all of the social workers and psychologists as well as community support people. No police in the schools, no school to prison pipeline.
12/01/2020 10:14 PM	Justice	Eileen Comerford	<p>I'm writing in solidarity with the Racial Justice Coalition in Asheville as well as with NC Child, to urge you to make stronger proposals to keep Black and Brown kids out of the justice system.</p> <p>One key strategy I would urge the Committee to advocate for is the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible, and strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. This is progress, but North Carolina can do better. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>I also want to lift up recommendations to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>
12/01/2020 10:59 PM	Justice	Lisa Mazzonetto	One key strategy I would urge the Committee to advocate for is the adoption of School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. I believe in finding as many alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement as possible.
12/01/2020 11:21 PM	Law Enforcement	Mr. Jim Stokely	<p>Dear Select Committee on Community Relations, Law Enforcement, and Justice:</p> <p>I would like to add my support to School Justice Partnerships at the local level throughout North Carolina. In Buncombe County, where I live, Judge Calvin Hill has led an admirable initiative that has resulted in the April 1, 2020 signing of a remarkable School Justice Partnership Memorandum of Understanding. The central idea is that all relevant parties -- county and city school boards, county and city, prosecutors, courts, etc. - meet regularly to examine school-related data regarding juvenile enforcement, and to encourage graduated responses to infractions designed to deescalate tensions, address root causes, and maximize restorative solutions. Please recommend strongly to the General Assembly that this approach be taken throughout our great state.</p>

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			Thank you, Jim Stokely 60 Shuford Road Weaverville, NC 28787
12/01/2020 11:48 PM	Justice	Mrs. Melody LeBaron	<p>I ask the Committee to adopt School Justice Partnership (SJP) agreements in all local school districts. Raise the Age legislation, passed in 2017, encourages these partnerships. We need to find alternatives to punitive measures and to involving law enforcement, and I strongly recommend increasing needed resources to nurture development and implementation of these SJP agreements. Currently, fewer than half of North Carolina school districts have these agreements in place. North Carolina MUST do better for our families of color. SJP agreements are especially important because nearly half of all juvenile arrests occur in school, and a disproportionate number of those arrests are of children of color. We need to keep children in school and out of jail, and SJP agreements help do just that.</p> <p>We also need to increase funding for support and re-entry services for formerly incarcerated parents and their families. Over 25,000 children in North Carolina have incarcerated parents. Such circumstances can lead to toxic levels of stress that can have a devastating impact on a child's development, learning, and behavior. North Carolina can provide family members of incarcerated individuals with the social and practical support they need to cope during the extremely challenging time of family separation. Services can range from family reunification planning to school-based support groups for kids.</p>
12/01/2020 11:55 PM	Justice	Mrs. Linda Wolf	<p>It is critical that your committee pass legislation implementing School Justice Partnership agreements for all NC school districts to reduce the number of young people, especially young people of color, funneled into courts and jails. These SJP agreements have been proven to reduce juvenile incarceration dramatically and increase graduation rates. I also urge you to pass more funding for family support services for children and families of incarcerated and previously incarcerated parents. Both these measures, I believe, will result in vast improvements to the landscape of public safety, community vitality, and racial as well as economic justice. All of this will make NC stronger for all its people.</p>